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<u>In the Claims</u>

Claims 4, 9, 12, 25, 27 – 31, and 33 have been amended to read as follows:

4.   (Amended)   The medical device support of claim 3, wherein the lock member is pivotably coupled to the housing.

9.   (Twice Amended) A medical device support apparatus comprising

a telescoping pole assembly including a first member and a second member movable relative to the first member along an axis in a first direction and a second direction opposite to the first direction, and

a lock member formed to include an edge defining an aperture, the second member being received in the aperture, the lock member having a second position in which the edge engages the second member to prevent movement of the second member relative to the first member in the first direction, movement in the first direction causing the pole assembly to shorten, when in the second position the lock member being configured to allow movement of the second member relative to the first member in the second direction, the lock member having a first position in which the edge disengages from the second member so that the second member is movable along the axis relative to the first member in the first direction and the second direction, the movement in the second direction causing the pole assembly to elongate.

12.   (Twice Amended) A medical device support assembly configured to support a medical device thereon, the medical device support assembly comprising

a base pole,

an adjustment pole configured to support the medical device thereon, and

a lock member coupling the adjustment pole to the base pole, the lock member being moveable between a first position permitting movement of the adjustment pole relative to the base pole and a second position locking the position of the adjustment pole relative to the base pole, the lock member being substantially flat to define a plane, the lock member being configured such that a force exerted on the adjustment pole in a second direction urges the lock member to the first position, and the force exerted on the adjustment pole in the second direction urges the lengthening of the assembly.

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25.   (Twice Amended) A medical device support assembly configured to support a medical device thereon, the medical device support assembly comprising

a base pole,

an adjustment pole configured to move relative to the base pole, the adjustment pole having a longitudinal axis,

a lock member positioned to block relative movement of the adjustment pole and the base pole, the lock member being configured to pivot about a pivot axis between a first position permitting relative movement and a second position blocking relative movement,

a release having a first position and a second position, the second position of the release configured to position the lock member in the second position of the lock member, and

a spring contacting the release and urging the release to the second position.

27.   (Twice Amended) A medical device support assembly configured to support a medical device thereon, the medical device support assembly comprising

a base pole,

an adjustment pole configured to move relative to the base pole, the adjustment pole having a longitudinal axis,

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a lock member positioned to block relative movement of the adjustment pole and the base pole, and

a housing sized to receive the lock member, the lock member being hingedly coupled to the housing, the lock member being configured to pivot about a pivot axis between a first position blocking permitting the relative movement and a second position permitting blocking the relative movement, the pivot axis deviating from the longitudinal axis of the adjustment pole, the housing including a groove sized to receive an end of the lock member.

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28.   (Amended)   The medical device support assembly of claim 26, wherein the release is configured to pivot the lock member between the first and second positions and the lock member is hingedly coupled to the release.

29.   (Twice Amended) The medical device support assembly of claim 25, wherein the release is configured to pivot the lock member between the first and second positions and the lock member is hingedly coupled to the release.

30.   (Twice Amended) A medical device support assembly configured to support a medical device thereon, the medical device support assembly comprising

a base pole,

an adjustment pole configured to move relative to the base pole, the adjustment pole having a longitudinal axis,

a lock member positioned to block relative movement of the adjustment pole and the base pole, and

a release configured to pivot the lock member between first and second positions, the lock member being hingedly coupled to the release member, the lock member being configured to pivot about a pivot axis between a second position blocking the relative movement and a first position permitting the relative movement, the pivot axis deviating from the longitudinal axis of the adjustment pole, the release including a notch sized to receive an end of the lock member.

31.   (Twice Amended) A medical support device assembly configured to support a medical device thereon, the medical support device assembly comprising

a base pole,

an adjustment pole configured to support the medical device thereon, the base pole and the adjustment pole cooperating to define a pole assembly length, the adjustment pole being configured to move in a first direction relative to the base pole to decrease the pole assembly length and a second direction relative to the base pole to increase the pole assembly length,

a coupling configured to couple the adjustment pole to the base pole to permit the adjustment pole to move in first direction relative to the base pole and an opposite second direction relative to the base pole, the coupling, the base pole, and the adjustment pole being made of corrosion resistant materials to prevent substantial corrosion thereof, and

a release configured to slide on the coupling.

33.   (Amended) The medical device support of claim 32, wherein the release is positioned to move the lock member between a locked position and an unlocked